

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL FRAZIER

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30 years of exemplary service that Colonel Frazier of the United States Marine Corps has given to this great country.

Colonel Frazier has served in many capacities since he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1974. During his seven years of enlisted service and 30 total years of service, he served a myriad of posts in a variety of locations worldwide. He has served his country both in enlisted service and in positions of leadership in Saigon, Korea, Okinawa, Thailand, Russia, Camp Pendleton, CA; Parris Island, SC; Australia, Quantico, VA; Stuttgart, Germany; and finally, in Iraq.

In 1989, he earned his BS in Criminal Justice Administration from National University using the Marine Corps College Degree Program. Upon graduation from Top Level School in 2003 he was assigned to I Marine Expeditionary Force G-4 Division and completed two deployments to Iraq. He was promoted to Colonel on 1 January 2005 and joined MCIWEST Headquarters in March 2006 and served concurrently as Head, Infrastructure Plans Branch and as Assistant Chief of Staff Facilities, MCB, Camp Pendleton, CA.

With such a diverse resume and a multidisciplinary record of leadership positions, his deep understanding of many facets of the United States Marine Corps lends him to being not only just an excellent advocate for our troops, but a quintessential example for how diversely talented a Marine can be. With his willingness to travel, to continue his education and to serve his country wherever and whenever possible, the United States and the U.S. Marine Corps could not have asked for more. In his 30 years of military service Colonel Frazier has proven himself an able and willing leader.

His personal decorations include the Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and two Good Conduct Medals.

Colonel Frazier is married to the former Myra Marie Marbrey of Carlsbad, CA. They have five children: Gerald, an Air Force Master Sergeant, Clyde III, Jeremy, Michael and Anthony.

On behalf of the people of the United States, whom Colonel Frazier spent a career serving, I thank him for his service and commitment to the defense of our Nation; he truly is a great American hero.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, on September 17, had I been present on rollcall No. 867 to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3246, the Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 868 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1657, to establish a Science and Technology Scholarship Program, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 869 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 3527, to extend the authorities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, I would have voted "yea."

On September 18, had I been present for rollcall No. 870, to approve the Journal, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 871 on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 650, providing for consideration of H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 872 on approving H. Res. 650, providing for consideration of H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 873, on passing the Hensarling amendment to H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 874, on passing the Biggart amendment to H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 875, a motion to recommit H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 876, on passing H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 877 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 3096, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam, I would have voted "yea."

On September 19, had I been present for rollcall No. 878, to approve the Journal, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 879 on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 660, providing for consideration of H.R. 2761, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 880 on passing H. Res. 660, providing for consideration of H.R. 2761, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 881 on passing the Frank amendment to H.R. 2761, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 882 on passing the Pearce amendment to H.R. 2761, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 883, a motion to recommit H.R. 2761, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 884, on passing H.R. 2761, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 885, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 3580, the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING TEXARKANA, TX,
T.J. MAXX ACCOMPLISHMENT**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generosity of my constituents in Texarkana, TX, for their efforts to help children in need during back-to-school shopping last month.

For over twenty years, T.J. Maxx has partnered with Save the Children to help raise money for and awareness about their programs in the United States. These include early childhood development, literacy, nutrition and physical activity programs that are implemented through partnerships with schools and community organizations serving low-income children in rural communities.

On August 31st, T.J. Maxx concluded its in-store "Happy Hearts" campaign that raised \$1.47 million for Save the Children. I thank all who contributed to this great cause, but I am especially pleased that the T.J. Maxx store that raised the most money per customer was in my district, in Texarkana, Texas.

Considering all the demands that individuals have on their time and money, I applaud the customers in the Texarkana area who generously donated to the worthy cause of Save the Children. T.J. Maxx is giving communities across the country the opportunity to help those in need, and I heartily applaud their efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 350th anniversary of the signing of the Flushing Remonstrance. Though sadly not as well known as some of our country's other founding documents, the Flushing Remonstrance's heroic call for religious freedom made this document fundamental to the establishment of our country as a land of religious liberty.

On December 27, 1657, in Flushing, New York City, 29 brave English citizens composed a document stating their unwillingness to tolerate or enforce an official mandate for religious persecution. These daring patriots rose in protest of Governor Peter Stuyvesant's call to persecute the area's new Quaker inhabitants, and affirmed their belief in the "law of love, peace and liberty."

Madam Speaker, some of the signatories of the Remonstrance were imprisoned, and many suffered for their actions. Nevertheless, by standing up for their beliefs, they successfully initiated the fight for religious freedom in the New World. We all owe the signers of the Flushing Remonstrance a debt of gratitude, as their appreciation of, and commitment to religious freedom has become the cornerstone of our democracy.

Later this year, the Borough of Queens will celebrate the 350th anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance with many descendants of